

Chapter 40 Cooperation

International Agreements (Refer to NMG 40)

Interagency Agreements and Memorandums of Understanding for the Rocky Mountain Area

Miscellaneous information and Definitions:

Most agreements and Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) terminate after 5 years unless otherwise specified within the document. In most cases, a 1 year extension may be granted. The agreement start date is the last dated signature.

Agreements: An Agreement is required if there will be an exchange of funds.

- Fire protection areas need separate agreements (i.e., IA agreements by State)
- Dispatch Centers do not need to do local agreements because they are covered under the Master State agreements. All that is needed are Annual Operating Plans.

Memorandums of Understanding (MOU): An MOU is the same as a verbal agreement (parties agree to agree; an understanding). Funds cannot be exchanged or transferred with an MOU. To eliminate the need for multiple local and area Agreements and Memorandums of Understanding within and adjacent to Rocky Mountain Area Boundaries, verbiage has been incorporated within Chapter 10 - Policy, of the RMA Mobilization Guide. This language, in concert with existing parent agreements, allows adjacent dispatch centers within and adjoining the RMA to work directly with one another to support initial attack suppression efforts, without having to develop additional agreements.

This chapter contains a brief description of the primary Agreements and Memorandums of Understanding within and adjacent to Rocky Mountain Area Boundaries. Complete copies of all agreements are on file at the Rocky Mountain Area Interagency Coordination Center unless otherwise noted. These agreements affect National, Area, and Local mobilization efforts. National Agreements can be found in Chapter 40 of the National Mobilization Guide.

Colorado Statewide Cooperative Wildland Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreement

The Colorado Statewide Cooperative Wildland Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreement is an agreement among USDI, Bureau of Land Management - Colorado; USDA, Forest Service, Region 2; USDI, National Park Service, Intermountain Region; USDI, Fish and Wildlife Service, Mountain Prairie Region; USDI, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Southwest Region; and Colorado State Forest Service.
(Signed 6/1/2011; Expires 6/1/2016)

The Parent Agreement establishes statewide authority for interagency fire protection assistance and cooperation between the above mentioned agencies, for mutual cooperation in fire training, prescribed fire, prevention, pre-suppression, and suppression activities.

South Dakota Interagency Cooperative Fire Management Agreement

The South Dakota Interagency Cooperative Fire Management Agreement is among USDI, Bureau of Land Management, Montana/Dakotas; USDI, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Great Plains and Rocky Mountain Region; USDI, National Park Service, Midwest Region; USDI, Fish and Wildlife Service, Mountain Prairie Region; USDA, Forest Service, Regions 1 and 2; and the South Dakota Department of Agriculture Division of Wildland Fire Suppression.
(Extension Signed 2/22/2012; Expires 2/22/2013)

The Parent Agreement establishes statewide authority for interagency fire protection assistance and cooperation between the above mentioned agencies, for mutual cooperation in fire training, prescribed fire, prevention, pre-suppression, and suppression activities.

Wyoming Interagency Cooperative Fire Management Agreement

The Wyoming Interagency Cooperative Fire Management Agreement is among USDI Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming; USDI, National Park Service, Intermountain Region; USDI, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Rocky Mountain Region; USDA Forest Service, Region 2; USDI, Fish and Wildlife Service, Mountain Prairie Region; and Wyoming State Forestry Division.
(Expired 2/6/2012; revised agreement out for signature)

The Parent Agreement establishes statewide authority for interagency fire protection assistance and cooperation between the above mentioned agencies, for mutual cooperation in fire training, prescribed fire, prevention, pre-suppression, and suppression activities.

Kansas Interagency Cooperative Fire Management Agreement

The Kansas Interagency Cooperative Fire Management Agreement is among USDA Forest Service, Region 2; USDI Bureau of Indian Affairs, Southern Plains Region; USDI National Park Service, Midwest Region; USDI Fish and Wildlife Service, Mountain Prairie Region; USDI Bureau of Reclamation, Great Plains Region; Kansas Forest Service; Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks; and the Kansas Division of Emergency Management.

(Signed 5/5/2007; Expires 5/5/2012)

The Parent Agreement establishes statewide authority for interagency fire protection assistance and cooperation between the above mentioned agencies, for mutual cooperation in fire training, prescribed fire, prevention, pre-suppression, and suppression activities.

Nebraska Interagency Cooperative Fire Management Agreement

The Nebraska Interagency Cooperative Fire Management agreement is among USDI National Park Service, Midwest Region; USDI Bureau of Indian Affairs, Great Plains Region; USDI Bureau of Reclamation, Great Plains Region; USDI Fish and Wildlife Service, Mountain Prairie Region; USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region; and Nebraska Emergency Management Agency; Nebraska Forest Service; Nebraska Game and Parks Commission; Nebraska Military Department; and the Nebraska State Fire Marshal.

(Signed 8/7/2007; Expires 8/7/2012; currently under revision)

The Parent Agreement establishes statewide authority for interagency fire protection assistance and cooperation between the above mentioned agencies, for mutual cooperation in fire training, prescribed fire, prevention, pre-suppression, and suppression activities.

Border Agreements/Memorandums of Understanding (MOU)

Currently, the Rocky Mountain Area has border MOUs in place which allow for resource sharing/ordering between local dispatch offices across GACC boundaries. These MOUs cover all the borders for the Rocky Mountain Area and those respective local dispatch centers. In an effort to streamline the process beginning in 2009, these documents are being replaced by the language that follows:

“Local Centers adjacent to one another may engage in resource ordering across GACC boundaries. The sending GACC must grant approval to the local center before any National type resources are sent across GACC boundaries. Depending on National PL levels and/or NMAC priorities, the NICC may also require approval. Resources sent across GACC boundaries cannot be reassigned without prior approval from the sending GACC/local unit.”